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Motor Transport

On 31st December, 1938, there were 198 licensed public cars and 56 licensed omnibuses. The number of private cars was 404 and there were 86 licensed lorries and trucks.

The following statement shows the countries of origin of the above motor vehicles:—

	No. of vehicles.
1. British Empire	254
2. United States of America	413
3. French	9
4. Italian	44
5. German	24
Total	744

Trade with the interior is conducted mainly by camel caravans, but as roads and routes in the Aden Protectorate are being developed more and more cars and lorries are being brought into use.

Blue Tours.—A motor coach service in Aden known as the "Blue Tours" introduced for the conveyance and transport of passengers from ships is progressing satisfactorily. The three coaches in use have seating accommodation for 21 passengers each who are taken round the most important parts of the town and environs during the ship's stay in the harbour.

Post Office

The Postmaster at Steamer Point is responsible for the postal services under the general control of the Finance Officer. The offices in the Colony are situated at Steamer Point, Camp and Khormaksar. In addition there are sub-offices on Kamaran Island in the Red Sea and at Mukalla in the Eastern Aden Protectorate. The Hadhramaut has also a number of postal agencies.

Prior to the 1st April, 1937, Aden was included in the Indian Postal System and Indian postage stamps were used. As from the date mentioned, Aden became a separate postal administration with its own issue of stamps.

The stamp design includes a vignette of an Arab dhow, a type of craft which has been associated with Aden from time immemorial. The denominations of stamps are: Annas ½, ¾, 1, 2, 2½, 3, 3½ and 8; and rupees 1, 2, 5 and 10.

Aden, being on the main shipping route between Europe and the Far East, is an important office of exchange. Mails from Europe and India arrive weekly on the P. & O. mail steamer. Bags for British Somaliland are transhipped to local steamer sailings for Berbera. Mails for East Africa are unloaded and warehoused in